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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

LAURA J. WIMMER. FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

RESPONDENT LS0012042DEN

Division of Enforcement Case File No. 00 DEN 011

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Laura J. Wimmer N6149 Spruce Drive

Elkhorn, WI 53121

Dentistry Examining Board

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing

Division of Enforcement

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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Laura J. Wimmer is duly licensed as a dental hygienist in the state of Wisconsin (license #3183). This license was first granted on July 15, 1982. Ms. Wimmer works part time and has no prior disciplinary record with the Department.
- 2. Ms. Wimmer's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board is N6149 Spruce Dr., Elkhorn, WI 53121. Ms. Wimmer has been at this address since 1995. She timely notified the Board in writing of her 1995 change of address.
- 3. To her best knowledge and recollection, Ms. Wimmer did not receive a renewal notice for the 1997-1999 biennium or the 1999-2001 biennium. She did not intentionally fail to renew her license. Ms. Wimmer realized her license had expired when she ceased to receive the Regulatory Digest from the Department. Ms. Wimmer then promptly self-reported the lapse of licensure by contacting the Department of Regulation and Licensing on January 21, 2000. On that date, she renewed her license by facsimile, paying a fee of \$48.00 for registration and a \$25.00 late fee (for missing the September 30, 1999 renewal date). Ms. Wimmer acted in good faith in trying to resolve this matter.
- 4. During the period of time between October 1, 1997 and January 21, 2000, Ms. Wimmer did work part time as a dental hygienist in Wisconsin.
- 5. In resolution of this matter, Ms. Wimmer consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By the conduct described above, Laura J. Wimmer is subject to disciplinary action against her license to practice as a dental hygienist in the state of Wisconsin, pursuant to secs. 447.03(2) and 447.07(3)(f), Stats.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay a FORFEITURE in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED [\$500] dollars. Payment shall be made via certified check or money order and shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
- 2. In the event that Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the forfeiture as set forth above, her hygienist's license (#3183) **SHALL BE SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.
- 3. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By: Mark Curran 12-4-00

A Member of the Board Date